

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 are now present in this application.

Claim 1 has been amended and claims 4-5, 7-11, 13-18 and 20-23 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

It is initially noted that a First After Final Amendment was filed on November 2, 2005. This After Final Amendment has not been entered as set forth in the November 10, 2005 Advisory Action.

From the August 2, 2005, Office Action the specification stands objected to failing to provide proper antecedent basis for certain claimed subject matter. However, because claims 8, 14, 16, and 21 are no longer present in this application, it is respectfully submitted that this objection should be over.

Claims 8, 14, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 1, 4, 10 and 17 are also objected to for certain informalities. Claims 4, 7, 10, 13, 17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. These rejection are respectfully traversed. Applicants gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner considers claim 1 to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection. Because the Examiner's helpful suggestions have been followed, this objection should be overcome. Since the remaining claims have been cancelled, the remaining objections and rejections should also be overcome. All claims in the instant application should now be in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this amendment for purposes of appeal if the application is not in condition for allowance. This amendment should simplify the issues for appeal since certain claims which have been rejected have therefore been overcome.

Nonetheless, it should be unnecessary to proceed to appeal since the instant application should now be in condition for allowance.

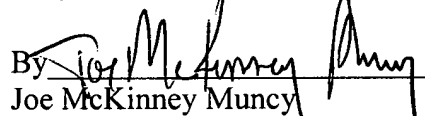
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, DC area in the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in this application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petitions for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$60.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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